GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1386
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2004
EARNING OF RAILWAY
Singh Shri Prabhunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have still to realize large amount of its earnings;

(b) if so, the details of the earnings outstanding as on date to be realized;

(c) the steps taken to realize the outstanding earnings;

(d) whether there is any proposal to fix the accountability and responsibility of the railwaymen for failing in their duties to realize the earnings; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of unrealized earnings up to September 2004 is Rs. 2951 crore, out of which major amount of unrealized earnings (Rs. 1762 crore) pertains to State Electricity Boards/ Power Houses (SEBs/ PHs).

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) & (e) No, Sir. However, provisions already exit under Railway Rules for fixing accountability and responsibility of railwaymen in this regard.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1386 BY SHRI PRABHUNATH SINGH TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2004 REGARDING EARNING OF RAILWAY.

(c) The steps taken to realize the outstanding earnings are :

(1) Close monitoring of recovery of outstanding earnings is done at all levels by holding meetings with the representatives of State Electricity Boards/ Power Houses and other parties. Special drives for clearance of outstanding dues are launched from time to time.

(2) Since major amount of unrealized earnings pertains to State Electricity Boards/ Power Houses they are being encouraged to follow the scheme for prepayment of freight for carriage of coal.

(3) Adjustment of dues outstanding from State Electricity Boards/Power Houses is done against traction bills payable to them by the Railways.

(4) Meetings are also held with Secretaries of the concerned Ministries and Chief Secretaries of the States from time to time.